

**Coln St Denis Parish Council
Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 6.30pm
Coln Valley Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Nick Dummett (NTD) Chair, Harry Talbot Rice (HTR), Malcolm Carmichael (MC), Tom Pearson (TP), Anthony Thorp (AT)

In Attendance: Alice Talbot Rice (ATR) - Clerk
Cllr David Fowles (DF)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Apologies - none

2. David Fowles update

Discussion points were local government review, local plan update, Bibury traffic and visitor management. Also, the Rissington by-election.

Action:

- *TP agreed to be a representative from the Parish Council to Bibury Group One meetings to ensure local input on traffic, coach and visitor management proposals*

3. Update on Mobile Phone Coverage -

Unfortunately Michael Rose from Atlas Tower Ground was unable to attend. HTR gave a brief update:

- Five potential mast sites have been assessed; four do not cover the whole parish but there is one site with better coverage
- Aesthetically it probably only has a bearing on the Kars Sijspsteins at Amadines who live below this potential site at the top of Calcot
- All agreed again that bringing mobile phone reception into the valley is a positive but it's important that it does cover the whole valley.

Actions:

- *HTR to ask Atlas to mock up a visual of the mast with dimensions for our next meeting*
- *Kars Sijpsteins at Amadines to receive a drawing*
- *Council to plan and publicise an open meeting with Atlas and members of the community once mock ups are ready*

4. State of the roads in the Parish

Highways are scheduled to repair the roads from 9th February. Discussion points were how badly they are done and that there is no warranty after they are filled in.

Actions:

- *NTD to write to Highways and invite them to a PC meeting*
- *HTR to do a survey of potholes*

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September at 6.30pm were approved and signed.

Actions:

- *ATR to put signed minutes up on website*
- *NTD/Andy Pease to remind residents that the minutes are posted on the Village Hall website*

7. Finances - Cashbook Accounts to 31st December 2025

Finances still in good health.

A charge of £4.25 that was previously quarterly is now monthly.

ATR noted the mystery additional payments of £215.48 (May) and £1,939.26 (October)

Precept form was filled in and signed. A new yearly figure of £1,000 was agreed.

Actions:

- ATR to email the Finance Officers/Precept Officers regarding these mystery payments.
- ATR to send completed precept form to Council

8. Planning Applications received since the last meeting 25th September 2025

All applications were returned with NO OBJECTION from the Council.

EXCEPT:

23rd December 2025 / Ref: 25/03987/FUL

Full Application for Creation of new access with erection of electric gates.

Demolition of fence at Far Peak House, Far Peak, Northleach.

MC: No objection to the entrance, reservations as to its use.

Action Item:

ATR to add a further objection to the planning portal in that there is a concern it will be used by Far Peak camping and not just for the private house.

9. AOB:

Defibrillators - 3 would be needed to cover the parish/each village. Where do they go and are they close enough to anyone to actually make a difference?

Agreed to defer discussion until next meeting

Action Item:

- *AT to get some information on defibrillators from his personal trainer*

8. Date of Next meetings

- **Thursday 16th April 2026**
- **Thursday 16th July 2026**

The meeting ended at 19.55pm